chek Tyre Ltd. and National Rubber Manufacturers Ltd. and as such the Tyre Corporation of India Ltd. inherited plant, machinery and other utilities of both the sick Companies which were old and dilapidated with outdated technology for its existing products. Further, no maintenance/repairs of the plant and machinery had also been undertaken for the last about one decade. A full fledged Board of Management has now been formed for TCIL and the Company is implementing renovation work in respect of the existing plant and machinery. The Company has also submitted a proposal for modernisation of its Kankinara Unit for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes with foreign collaboration, in respect of which investment decision is yet to be taken by Government.

Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai

1458. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a bench of the Madras High Court in Madurai District; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard in view of the recommendations by the Tamil Nadu Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The proposal of the Government of Tamil Nadu for establishment of a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai had been referred to the Jaswant Singh Commission. The recommendations of the Commission have been sent to the State Government in October, 1986 for their views and comments. These have not yet been received.

Transfer of BHEL to administrative control of Energy Ministry

1459. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BHEL is predominantly a power equipment manufacturing company accounting for over 80 per cent of the annual capacity additions to the nation's power grid; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a proposal to transfer BHEL to the administrative control of the Ministry of Energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Hindustan Lever

1460. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Lever will now control Ponds, in addition to Lipton, Brooke Bond and other units;

(b) whether these activities do not attract attention of MRTP and other regulations affecting consumer interests;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Hindustan Lever shelved manufacture of telcum powder to protect Pond's interests as reported in Business India of January 12-25, 1987; and

(d) whether Hindustan Lever's former employees have joined the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DE-